

# United States Department of the Interior

#### **BUREAU OF RECLAMATION**

Great Plains Region Montana Area Office P.O. Box 30137 Billings, Montana 59107-0137



MT-450

June 8, 2015

### **FAXOGRAM: Water Order Change**

To: Chief, Power Supply and Billing Division, WAPA, Watertown, South Dakota

Attention: F-6300

Chief, Power Dispatching Branch, WAPA, Loveland, Colorado

Attention: J-4120

Facilities Manager, Helena, Montana Attention: MT-800, MT-810, MT-831 Project Manager, Mills, Wyoming

Attention: WY-4000, WY-4100, WY-6400

Northwestern Energy, Butte, Montana

Attention: Resource Coordinator, Deb Mullowney

From: Reservoir and River Operations, Billings, Montana /S/ Stephanie Micek

Subject: Canyon Ferry Water Release Order - CFR No. 15-28

#### **CURRENT RESERVOIR CONDITIONS:**

Elevation: 3795.46; Storage: 1,840,814 acre-feet; River Release: 5,370 cfs; Inflow: 11,150 cfs;

#### **GENERAL COMMENTS:**

The Helena Valley Irrigation District has requested an increase in diversions to Helena Valley Reservoir. Also, to slow the rate of fill of storage in Canyon Ferry Reservoir, the following operation changes are required at Canyon Ferry Dam and Powerplant.

# **CANYON FERRY RELEASES AND OPERATIONS:** Times are Mountain Daylight Time (MDT)

## **At 1000 hour on Tuesday, June 9, 2015:**

Maintain releases through the river outlet gates at 0 cfs.

Maintain releases through the spillway gates at 0 cfs.

*Maintain turbine release at*  $\approx$  5,100 cfs ( $\approx$ 54 MW-Hr/hr using 93.6 cfs/mw).

Increase release for Helena Valley Project to 680 cfs (330 cfs pumped to Helena Valley and

350 cfs discharged to the Missouri River).

Increase release to the Missouri River to 5,450 cfs. Increase total release from Canyon Ferry to 5,780 cfs